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In re application of:

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FOR CONCURRENTLY
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PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME

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Washington, DC 20231

Sir:

It is hereby requested that the period for responding to the outstanding Office Action be extended three months from December 26th to March 26th by the filing of this Petition and fee payment.

The petition fee (37 C.F.R. §1.17(a)) is believed to be \$890.00 for a 3 month extension. If extensions of time under 37 C.F.R. § 1.136 other than those provided herewith are required to prevent abandonment of the present patent application, then such extensions of time are hereby petitioned.

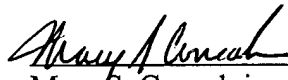
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The U.S. Patent and Trademark Office is hereby authorized to charge any fee or fee deficiency, or credit any overpayment, to our Deposit Account No. 08-3038 referencing docket number 03604-0010-US00. A duplicate copy of this Petition is enclosed.

Respectfully submitted,

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